

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 63, and 65, amend claims 43, 56-58, 60-62, and 64, underlined material for addition, strike-out or double bracketed material for deletion, and add new claims 66-83 as follows:

Claims 1-42 (Canceled)

43. (Currently amended) A multipurpose vertical forend grip assembly for integration with ~~a firearm~~ an unaltered host weapon, said assembly comprising a hand grip, a weapon receiving fixture and an accessory module, said weapon receiving fixture extending from said hand grip and adapted for selective cooperative engagement with a portion of the weapon for securing the assembly thereto, said accessory module supported by a portion of said hand grip.

44. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 43 wherein said accessory module comprises a light module.

45. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 44 wherein said light module includes an illumination device.

46. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 45 wherein

said illumination device is at least partially retained within a housing of said light module.

47. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 45 wherein said illumination device is at least partially retained within a sleeve of said light module.

48. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 47 wherein a portion of a light emitting end of said illumination device extends beyond said sleeve of said light module.

49. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 47 wherein a portion of a switch end of said illumination device extends beyond said sleeve of said light module.

50. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 48 wherein a portion of a switch end of said illumination device extends beyond said sleeve of said light module.

51. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 46 wherein said illumination device includes an activation switch.

52. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 46 wherein said illumination device includes a remotely positionable

activation switch.

53. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 52 wherein said activation switch is supported on said hand grip.

54. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 44 wherein said light module includes a separable illumination device.

55. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 54 wherein said separable illumination device comprises a personal illumination device.

56. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A multipurpose vertical forend grip assembly of claim 46 for integration with a firearm, said assembly comprising a hand grip, a weapon receiving fixture and a light module, said weapon receiving fixture extending from said hand grip and adapted for selective cooperative engagement with a portion of the weapon for securing the assembly thereto, said light module supported by a portion of said hand grip and including an illumination device at least partially retained within a housing thereof, wherein said light module ~~resides~~ residing in a plane exterior of a plane delimited by said hand grip.

57. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A multipurpose vertical forend grip

assembly of claim 46 for integration with a firearm, said assembly comprising a hand grip, a weapon receiving fixture and a light module, said weapon receiving fixture extending from said hand grip and adapted for selective cooperative engagement with a portion of the weapon for securing the assembly thereto, said light module supported by a portion of said hand grip and including an illumination device at least partially retained within a housing thereof, wherein said light module is being vertically off-set from a longitudinal centerline of said hand grip.

58. (Currently amended) The grip assembly of claim [[46]] 44 wherein said hand grip includes a concealed stowage compartment.

59. (Previously presented) The grip assembly of claim 58 wherein a reversibly securable end cap permits access to said concealed stowage compartment.

60. (Currently amended) The grip assembly of claim [[46]] 43 wherein said fixture includes ~~a ratchetable~~ an actuatable jaw.

61. (Currently amended) The grip assembly of claim 60 wherein said ~~ratchetable~~ actuatable jaw is adapted for receipt about a portion of a grenade launcher of the weapon.

62. (Currently amended) The grip assembly of claim 61 wherein said ratchetable actuatable jaw is adapted for receipt about a rib of a hand guard of the grenade launcher of the weapon.

Claim 63 (Canceled)

64. (Currently amended) A tactical weapon grip assembly for affixation upon a forend of a weapon, said assembly comprising [[a]] an actuatable weapon receiving structure adapted for tensioned engagement with a portion of the weapon, an elongate handle extending therefrom, and a target illumination device supported by a portion of said handle.

Claim 65 (Canceled)

66. (New) A multipurpose vertical forend grip assembly for integration with an unaltered host weapon, said assembly comprising a hand grip, a weapon receiving fixture and an accessory module, said weapon receiving fixture extending from said hand grip and adapted for selective cooperative engagement with a portion of the weapon for securing the assembly thereto, said accessory module supported by a portion of said hand grip so as to be side mounted with respect thereto.

67. (New) The grip assembly of claim 66 wherein said accessory module comprises a light module.

68. (New) The grip assembly of claim 67 wherein said light module includes an illumination device.

69. (New) The grip assembly of claim 68 wherein said illumination device is at least partially retained within a housing of said light module.

70. (New) The grip assembly of claim 69 wherein said illumination device is at least partially retained within a sleeve of said light module.

71. (New) The grip assembly of claim 70 wherein a portion of a light emitting end of said illumination device extends beyond said sleeve of said light module.

72. (New) The grip assembly of claim 70 wherein a portion of a switch end of said illumination device extends beyond said sleeve of said light module.

73. (New) The grip assembly of claim 71 wherein a portion of a switch end of said illumination device extends beyond said sleeve

of said light module.

74. (New) The grip assembly of claim 69 wherein said illumination device includes an activation switch.

75. (New) The grip assembly of claim 69 wherein said illumination device includes a remotely positionable activation switch.

76. (New) The grip assembly of claim 75 wherein said activation switch is supported on said hand grip.

77. (New) The grip assembly of claim 67 wherein said light module includes a separable illumination device.

78. (New) The grip assembly of claim 72 wherein said separable illumination device comprises a personal illumination device.

79. (New) The grip assembly of claim 67 wherein said hand grip includes a concealed stowage compartment.

80. (New) The grip assembly of claim 79 wherein a reversibly securable end cap permits access to said concealed stowage compartment.

81. (New) The grip assembly of claim 66 wherein said fixture includes an actuatable jaw.

82. (New) The grip assembly of claim 81 wherein said actuatable jaw is adapted for receipt about a portion of a grenade launcher of the weapon.

83. (New) The grip assembly of claim 82 wherein said actuatable jaw is adapted for receipt about a rib of a hand guard of the grenade launcher of the weapon.